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REQUIREMENT OF LICENCES FOR SETTING UP OF UNITS IN SEZS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether small scale industry require any licence for setting up units in the Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a condition for setting up units in the SEZs;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage small units to use the Special Economic Zones and boost exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the target set for the number of units to be set up by small scale industries in the SEZs during 2001-2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b): Under the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, an industrial undertaking including a small scale industrial undertaking is required to obtain an industrial licence for manufacture of items falling under compulsory licensing. At present, only six industries are under compulsory licensing mainly on account of environmental, safety and strategic considerations.

(c) to (e): SEZ is an export promotion scheme and no distinction is made between SSI and non-SSI sector. No target is being set regarding establishment of units in the Zones.